





Appl. No. 10/688,492  
Amdt. dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005  
Amendment & Reply to Office action mailed 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005

### **AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**

In response to the Patent Office examiner's Office Action mailed 13 Sept 2005, please amend the above-captioned case as follows. The undersigned encourages the primary examiner to call at a time convenient thereto in an effort to aid in speedy prosecution, especially where a conversation may result in an examiner's amendment. This response has been formatted in the revised format pursuant to published notification by the Patent Office as best as can be understood. Please see, MPEP §714 III.

**Amendments to the Specification** reflect the examiner's suggestion, and have been made to lend readability to the application, begin on page 3 of this correspondence.

**Amendments to the Claims** have been made, and a full listing of the 24 claims, as required for the new format, which begins on page 4 of this correspondence, has been included.

**No amendments to the Drawings** are deemed necessary, as no suggestion or objection has been, yet, made to so amend.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this correspondence.